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Man killed in Highway 63 collision

DEATH A T-bone collision involving a full-sized van and a pickup on a highway near Fort McMurray's oil sands has claimed the life of a man.

Police believe the F-150 truck missed a stop sign as it crossed Highway 63 north of Syncrude when it was hit by the Ford full-sized van around 7:30 p.m.

The driver, who was the only occupant in the truck, died on scene while the driver in the van suffered minor injuries, Fort McMurray RCMP said. Police won't release the identification of the man until next of kin are notified.

The province is working on twinning the notorious single-lane highway that has seen more than 1,000 collisions between 2001 and 2005. **METRO EDMONTON**

Connors Hill Surfin' EDM



"Mad" Mike Hachkowski rips down Connors Hill yesterday afternoon on a Dirtsurfer board. The extreme sports board can be ridden on or off road, and can even be used with a windsurfing sail. Edmonton can look forward to more days like yesterday with even warmer temperatures predicted for later in the week.

Stelmach, premiers to tackle economy

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Alberta's premier will be in Montreal to come up with a strategy with other provincial leaders on how to tackle an economic crisis that has gripped stock investors, plagued soon-to-be pensioners, and made thousands lose their jobs across North America.



Premier Ed Stelmach will meet this morning with the Council of the Federation, made up of all 13 premiers of Canada's provinces and territories, to talk about how the economic situation is plaguing each province from coast to coast.

Oil-rich Alberta hasn't been left unscathed by the crisis, as falling stock prices have cost the provincial government \$1 billion through its rainy day savings fund — the Heritage Savings Trust Fund.

Finance Minister Iris Evans said last week the fund, which was initially created more than 30 years ago during a period of high oil prices, has been reduced to \$16 billion since June, a 10 per cent drop.

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Big night for western music

EnCana ups security after pipeline bombs

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Choppers are in the air and ground security has been beefed up after two pipeline bombings in less than a week, and officials with Alberta's EnCana Corp. say they have no idea who's responsible.

"It's a stressful time for people in the community right now. Everyone wants it to be resolved and for the person that's doing this to be caught," said EnCana spokeswoman Rona Del Frari.

About 175 residents of Tomslake, B.C. met with Mounties and EnCana officials at a town hall meeting on Friday night to discuss the investigation. Residents were made aware of which RCMP units are investigating the explosions, and of extra security measures taken by EnCana.

Since a second pipeline blast east of Dawson Creek Thursday morning, EnCana has brought in extra surveillance. RCMP members from various detachments and explosives specialists are also working on solving the blasts.

Truck sought

• RCMP officers are searching for a truck that was seen leaving the blast site Thursday, though there are conflicting reports about its make and colour.

"People are nervous and upset that this is happening," Del Frari said. "It is nerve-racking for everyone, because they don't know who's doing it, and everyone is looking forward to someone being caught."

A pipeline was leaking as

a result of the second blast, but was quickly repaired and didn't pose any human risk, she added.

A letter threatening the explosions was sent to media outlets in northern B.C. last week, warning the energy giant to leave town.

A great deal of speculation has circulated, but company officials still say they don't know who's responsible.

"We have no idea," Del Frari said. "No one had contacted EnCana prior to the letter. We had no indication that this was going to happen."



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Syncrude pumps \$1 million into NAIT

Syncrude Canada Ltd. has officially unveiled a \$1 million investment in NAIT. Most of the investment — \$750,000 — will go toward the NAIT Spartan Centre for Instrumentation Technology, where a wing will be named for Syncrude. The remaining \$250,000 will go toward program funding at NAIT. **METRO EDMONTON**

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Explore ecosystems with Cousteau

Jean-Michel Cousteau, the French explorer, environmentalist, educator, film producer, and son of ocean explorer Jacques Cousteau will sit down for dinner with fans at the Shaw Conference Centre tonight. The event is at 6:30 p.m.; tickets are \$135 each. Jean-Michel Cousteau has produced over 75 films, and speaks about globally engaged, responsible ecosystems that can support all life. For tickets call (780) 451-3344.

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Less Than Kind



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17 new workers caught in strike

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Days before foreign workers at a local poultry plant marched off the killing floors and on to the picket lines, Maple Leaf Foods flew in over a dozen Ukrainian workers who have been sitting in limbo without work ever since.

The 17 men and women arrived from Ukraine with the promise of a job at Maple Leaf Foods' Edmonton poultry plant, but their arrival coincided with a 72-hour strike notice, dropped by Local 1118 United Food and Commercial Workers, representing all foreign workers at the plant.

Though they're not even employed by the company, the company is providing them with housing and basic essentials, in hopes that the strike will end soon.

"The union has been using these 17 workers as a bargaining tactic," said

Demands

- Union officials met with Maple Leaf on Thursday. Union spokesman Jack Westgeest said Maple Leaf's offer to simply adjust the start rate of pay is not enough, and the union wants a new contract.
- Maple Leaf's starting rate is \$11.80 per hour, whereas its competitor, Lilydale, starts employees at \$13.50 per hour.

Maple Leaf spokesman Norm Sabapathy. "We're not going to support that."

The possibility of moving the workers to another plant in Calgary or Winnipeg has been discussed, but isn't an option, he said.

Union representatives claim the existing foreign workers are underpaid, mistreated, and have been crammed in too-tight living quarters.

Maple Leaf claims allegations of abuse are untrue.

Speaking out for Cuban hurricane victims

FUNDRAISER Thousands of Texans are still reeling after Hurricane Ike's fury in September, but thousands in Cuba will be coping for years as the storm ravaged sugar cane crops and forced millions to evacuate from their homes, say organizers behind an Edmonton fundraiser yesterday to help hurricane victims in Cuba.

While the aftermath in the United States made international headlines, the plight of Cubans seemed to have gone unnoticed by U.S. media, said organizer Virginia Daniel, with Not Just Tourists Edmonton. "With crops flattened in Cuba, it will take them six to eight months just to grow enough food again," she said.

Hurricane Ike struck Cuba 10 days after Hurricane Gustav hammered the large island's west coast. Damages from Gustav and Ike were pegged at \$5 billion in Cuba, and the Canadian government has committed \$400,000 in aid, said Daniel.

The fundraiser at the Ukrainian Centre, which was sold out, was attended by 150 people.

JEFF CUMMINGS/METRO EDMONTON



People gather in support of Cubans affected by hurricanes Gustav and Ike attend a fundraising dinner organized by the Edmonton Friends of Cuba yesterday afternoon at the Ukrainian Centre.

Pedestrian killed crossing street

STRUCK A woman was killed Saturday night when she was hit by a truck while crossing a street in the city's south side.

The woman, in her mid-60s, was hit while crossing 38 Avenue near 34 Street around 9 p.m., police said.

The woman was taken to hospital where she later died, police said, adding the traffic unit is investigating, and no charges have been laid. This is the city's 21st traffic fatality of the year. **METRO EDMONTON**

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Holiday comes to an end

Time to give opinions on idling bylaw

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Winter decision

Those who either oppose or strongly agree in seeing an excessive idling bylaw in Edmonton will have a chance to be heard tonight.

The city is kicking off a public consultation into the proposed and controversial bylaw at 7 p.m. in the Stanley A. Milner Library.

In a report, city administration feels an effective anti-idling bylaw could be a good fit for Edmonton, but it wouldn't compare to smaller municipalities like Jasper where there

It's expected the city will be making a final decision on the bylaw sometime this winter.

are similar bylaws in place.

City administration said heavy traffic in the city could present a challenge for bylaw officials to crack down on excessive idlers.

Some councillors, on the other hand, are in favour of the idea, including Coun. Don Iveson who said it would be similar to the city's anti-smoking or littering bylaws.

Cops search for missing man

DISAPPEARANCE Police are searching for a 21-year-old man, whose frantic girlfriend said he simply disappeared after an argument with roommates last week.

Dylan Koshman, 21, was last seen shortly after 2 a.m. on Oct. 11, after leaving his home on 104 Street and 33 Avenue.

He was drunk, and had an argument with his

roommates, who asked him to leave. When he left, he was wearing only a dark T-shirt, jeans and shoes.

There has been no activity on his bank account, and he hasn't answered his phone since he disappeared.

Family and friends are frantic because to vanish without a trace is completely out of character.



Koshman

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Quadraplegic Penny Oman paints watercolours on the balcony of her Edmonton home, using her mouth to control the brush. Oman is a part of the Mouth and Foot Painting Artists of Canada and says the organization was a great help to her throughout her career.

Painting a perfect pastime

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COMMUNITY When people see Penny Oman's Alberta landscape paintings, they can't believe she creates by holding a brush between her lips.

"They're usually pretty shocked," she said with a laugh.

Oman has been paralyzed from the neck down since 1970, when a horrific car accident in rural Alberta left her struggling to find a new way to live.

"Sitting in a wheelchair takes a long time to get used to," she said.

After undergoing years of painful rehabilitation, Oman found a new lease on life through art.

"It was fun being able to put something down on paper again."

Penny Oman

She found inspiration through Myron Angus, a talented handicapped artist, who created all his works through painting with his mouth.

"It was fun being able to put something down on paper again, but originally,

frustrating," she said, explaining that it took time to master painting vertically.

More than 30 years later, Oman has made a name for herself in the art community, not only as a handicapped painter, but an incredibly talented one as well. She works on one piece per month, and sells each one for up to hundreds of dollars.

"I hope I've been able to be an inspiration for others as well," she said.

To view her works, or to order prints, calendars and postcards designed by Oman or other disabled artists, visit www.mf-pacanada.com.

Charges laid after driving gun attack

CRIME One man has been charged after bullets flew from two vehicles that sped from downtown to the west end Friday afternoon.

Police rushed to the area of 124 Street and 102 Avenue around 1 p.m. Friday, after witnesses reported seeing gunfire exchanged from a black SUV and green Honda Civic.

The vehicles continued westward, and soon, police received more complaints that bullets were flying from the vehicles, near 102 Avenue and 128 Street, 102 Avenue and 150 Street, and at 107 Avenue and 142 Street.

After interviewing witnesses, police found the black SUV in a hotel parking lot on Kingsway Avenue. Two men, aged 28 and 32, were arrested and taken into custody.

Shortly after making the arrests, police received a call that a bullet hole-ridden car had been abandoned in an alley on 106 Avenue and 154 Street. Police seized the car, but have still not found the driver or passengers.

Later it was determined that the only shots fired were from the SUV.

Mario Martel, 28, has been charged with a number of weapons-related offences.

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Kids get dreams to build on

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EDUCATION Hundreds of kids got a glimpse of a better life over the weekend, and now realize that it's attainable.

The 16th annual Dream-catcher conference held at Grant MacEwan City Centre Campus ended yesterday, and brought Aboriginal youth together from all over the country.

In dozens of sessions,

teens were taught how to solve problems and issues they face in the new millennium. Sessions on schooling, employment, housing, self-esteem, conflict resolution, sports and traditions were among the dozens attended.

"I know that I can use my (treaty) status to help me later in life when I want to go to college," said 16-year-old Shaun Lamaroux.

"I learned quite a bit about staying in school and how to keep off

the streets, not like a lot of people I know."

Students from all over Canada were invited to the event, many from reserves or small, northern communities where drugs and violence go hand-in-hand.

"It helped a lot to learn how to relax," said 15-year-old Nikki Lamouelle, who travelled to the conference from the small community of Wekweti, N.W.T. "We have a lot of stress and it helps to find a way to get unstressed."

News in brief

CHARITY A one-stop shop community charity roped in some high-quality entertainment and a big bag of loot last night. The Unity Centre of North Edmonton tore the roof off with the 14th annual Longhorns and Lassos silent auction and dinner last night, was expected to double the \$6,000 raised in 2007. Rising country music superstar

Brett Kissel entertained the crowd, with some help from CTV personality, Graham Neil. The centre provides a vast array of community services for about 200 families in the north end.

ACCIDENT A 43-year-old welder is dead after a weekend workplace accident in Nisku. The incident happened around

11 p.m. Friday, when a co-worker at National Oilwell Varco found a man lying unresponsive, slumped over a platform. The man was working on a suspended crane. It's believed he may have been electrocuted. Occupational Health and Safety has not issued a stop-work order at the site. **METRO EDMONTON**

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me, but it has also worked for many of the world's richest men and women.

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A fire gutted a Hells Angels bunker Saturday in Sorel-Tracy, about 90 kilometres northeast of Montreal. Witnesses reported that a vehicle rammed into the bunker, a two-storey garage-style building, just before the blaze began. Police confirmed a truck was found in the wreckage. **CBC NEWS ONLINE**

Canada



Legendary bodybuilder dies

Ben Weider, credited by some with discovering a young Arnold Schwarzenegger, died at Montreal's Jewish General Hospital on Friday at the age of 85. Weider was born in Montreal and spent 60 years in bodybuilding. He was appointed a member of the Order of Canada in 1975 and promoted to officer within the order in 2007. Funeral services will be held today. **CBC NEWS ONLINE**

Ottawa to limit bisphenol A baby bottles

HEALTH The federal government will move to limit sales of baby bottles made with the chemical bisphenol A, a suspected carcinogen widely used for hardening and shatterproofing plastic and lining food tins.

Saturday's announcement comes amid mounting evidence it can leach into food and beverages.

The substance has been linked to cancer and infertility in laboratory animals.

"It is concluded that bisphenol A be considered as a toxic substance that may be entering the environment in quantity or concentration or under conditions that constitute or may constitute a danger to human life or health," the Environment and Health ministries said.

REUTERS

Dion to break silence

McCallum likely to take over if Grit leader steps down

Toronto area MP John McCallum is the first choice of the Liberal caucus to take over the party as interim leader if Stéphane Dion announces today that he is going to immediately return to the House of Commons' backbenches.

Dion is going to reveal his decision to relinquish the Liberal leadership at a 2 p.m. press conference, and Liberal sources say the leader spent the weekend in seclusion with his family trying to decide the timing

of his leave-taking.

He could announce that he will hand over the leadership now to an interim leader who would be in charge until a new head of the party can be chosen. Or, he could ask the party to allow him to stay on himself as interim leader until a leadership convention, which will most likely be



Stéphane Dion

held in the spring.

If Dion gives up the mantle immediately, Grits say the consensus choice for interim chief is McCallum, the MP from Markham-Unionville who has been the party's finance critic.

McCallum wouldn't comment yesterday except to say that he would be honoured to be interim leader if the party asks him to do so. "Yes, I would be willing to serve if he decided to step down," he said.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE



Haiti's President Rene Preval, left, meets with Prime Minister Stephen Harper at the Francophonie Summit yesterday.

Harper pledges to help poor countries with climate change

ENVIRONMENT Despite criticism that his government hasn't done enough to deal with climate change here in Canada, Prime Minister Stephen Harper yesterday announced \$100 million to help poor countries deal with the pressing environmental issue.

The money will be distributed this fiscal year primarily through international development organizations, Harper announced during the closing press conference of the summit of la Francophonie, held in Quebec City.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

News in brief

SEXSMANIA The Ontario Court of Appeal has overturned the acquittal of a man who had non-consensual sex with a stranger because he

was asleep and suffering from "sexsomnia."

OUTBREAK More than 150 people in North Bay, Ont., are ill,

potentially with a deadly strain of E. coli O157:H7. The source of the outbreak has been traced to a Harvey's restaurant.

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Comment & Views

Thoughts to make you think

HineSight

Anne Hines



Today, I'd like to share some wise words by other writers. I do this in hope that it will broaden our horizons, introduce us to new ways of seeing the world and get me out of having to come up with

any material of my own.

Here are, "Thoughts That Just Make You Think."

1. From James Fitz-James Stephen who is most famous for reputedly having said, "Two million names in the universe and my parents had to use the same one twice."

He also said, "Originality does not consist of saying what no one has ever said before, but in saying exactly what you yourself think." I wish I'd said that.

I want to be special, just the same as everyone else. Individuality is prized in

What I want is to be unique and individual but not stand out in any way that gets me left out of conversations in the staff lunch room.

our world. Unless it means dressing or acting different than other people.

What I want is to be unique and individual but not stand out in any way that gets me left out of conversations in the staff lunch

room. Something like that.

2. A deeply insightful quote from Henry David Thoreau. "Let us spend one day in peace, not upset and overwhelmed in the rapid whirlpool of life. If the engine whistles, let it whistle. If the bell rings, why should we run?" This is so true. Really, who isn't able if they choose to take a few moments and step outside the busyness of life, allowing our minds to simply... hold on, my cell phone's ringing. I should just answer this...

3. From Lady Astor. "I used

to dread getting older because I thought I would not be able to do all the things I wanted to do. But now that I am older, I find I don't want to do them anyway." I never know if I find this comforting or depressing.

4. Marie Osmond. Seriously. She said, "If you're going to be able to look back on something and laugh about it, you might as well laugh about it now."

These are wise and helpful words to remember if you're, say, prone to being anxious or taking life too seriously or

In Canada, HPV is the most common STI

perhaps if you're, I don't know, let's say my partner. Liz, whose brand new Italian leather jacket I accidentally got ink on yesterday.

All words to live by. Or at least to puzzle over. Which is likely the best we can do. You can quote me on that.

Anne Hines is an author and humour writer. She has written three novels and one collection of nonfiction humour.

Word on the street: Would you be more likely to vote in federal elections if you could do it online?



David Backman

age 37, Edmonton

A: Yes, definitely. This year, I had to stay after school and do a project, and didn't have time to vote. I also didn't realize about the advanced voting.

Kathleen Knack

age 30, Edmonton

A: I think a lot of people didn't want to vote for anyone in the first place.... People think that if I don't vote, then that's telling the man.



Jeffrey King

age 41, Ottawa

A: I just don't think there is a way that you could satisfy all the criteria that could make it valid, in terms of identifying people.



Lisa Maycock

age 27, Edmonton

A: When I went in to vote, there were long line-ups. I saw a lot of people come in, see the lineups and then walk out... Having it online would encourage people to vote.

Virginia Brown

age 25, Toronto

A: No. They have polls everywhere, so it's not like it's very far to go from home. It was two minutes away, so it's not too difficult.



Sandhya Parkash

age 32, Halifax

A: I just think it would be more convenient, if someone had a busy lifestyle. We had to run out at the last minute.



Views

Matt McMechan, EDMONTON

I would like to comment on the article posted by Victoria Handysides in the Edmonton Metro in September, 2008.

Though the act that was committed on the ETS was appalling, to compare it to the horrible events that took place on a Greyhound bus in July is inappropriate.

To liken the acts of an intoxicated youth to a beheading by a psychopath seems to be unbalanced. From

what I am reading, the only similarities are that the victim was asleep and the act happened on a bus.

In this case, the other passengers on the ETS stepped in, restrained the assailant, and assisted the victim. Perhaps a better spin on the facts would have been that the community didn't stand for what was wrong.

Rather than focus on the negative, could we not be grateful that the people around them took a stand?

Denis Emard, WESTBORO, ONT.

On election day, the polls were opened at 9:30 a.m. I was the third person in line. After 35 minutes, finally it was my turn.

I gave my card, which included my name and address, they crossed off my name from the list and then the woman excused herself because she had to ask her colleague how to fold the ballot.

She was confused as to how the ballot was going to

be folded. Then she came back and gave me my ballot. I stopped her and said, I thought I was suppose to show I.D.? Oh, oh, yes, sir you are correct. These people had no clue what they were doing.

And we wonder why only 59.1 per cent of eligible Canadians voted.

This is the reason.

I have tried sending an e-mail to Elections Canada but their website is not accepting any e-mails. I wonder why.

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An unfinished portrait of Francis Bacon by Lucian Freud, one of only two he ever painted of his friend and the only one whose whereabouts is known, sold for 5.4 million pounds yesterday, auction house Christie's said. **REUTERS**

World



Israel's Livni needs more time

Tzipi Livni is expected to step up efforts to put together a coalition government and become Israel's prime minister after the expiry today of an original 28-day period to form her administration. She is likely to meet President Shimon Peres today to ask him for a two-week extension he is allowed to approve under Israeli law, a spokesman for Livni said. **REUTERS**

HPV spreads easily through skin-to-skin contact

Vatican defends silence on mafia

ITALY The Vatican has defended Pope Benedict's decision to avoid direct condemnation of organized crime during a trip yesterday to a southern area infested by the Camorra, one of its most ruthless manifestations. A Vatican spokesman said the Pope intentionally avoided the word "Camorra" in his speeches out of respect for the honest people in the area who are not involved in organized crime. **REUTERS**

Powell backs Obama's bid

Democrat Barack Obama won the support of former Republican secretary of state Colin Powell yesterday, and announced that he raised a record \$150 million US last month, dealing a double blow to rival John McCain's presidential campaign.

McCain, despite trailing in opinion polls and fundraising, said he still expects to win the Nov. 4 election and could sense "things are heading our way."

Powell, who served several Republican presidents, including George W. Bush as his first secretary of state, said either candidate would make a good president, but he was critical of



A supporter of U.S. Democratic presidential nominee Senator Barack Obama holds a fake bill with Obama's face at a campaign rally in Fayetteville, N.C., yesterday.

McCain's uncertainty on how to deal with the economic crisis.

Powell, who in the past

was mentioned as possibly the first black U.S. president, told NBC's Meet the Press he backed Obama

"because of his ability to inspire, because of the inclusive nature of his campaign, because he's reaching out all across America, because of who he is."

"I think he is a transformational figure," Powell said of the man who could become the first black president. "His is a new generation coming ... onto the world stage, American stage."

Powell's backing of Obama, 47, could give a boost to the foreign policy and national security credentials of the first-term Illinois senator and appeal to moderates and independents.

But the impact of endorsements on voters is

questionable, and Powell's reputation was somewhat tarnished by making the case for invading Iraq to the United Nations on the false claims that it possessed weapons of mass destruction.

In the midst of economic turmoil, and with just over two weeks to go until the election, Obama leads in national polls and in many battleground states, but McCain said he sees some movement in his direction.

Obama's lead over McCain has dropped to three points, according to a Reuters/C-SPAN/Zogby poll released yesterday. Obama leads McCain 48 to 45 per cent among likely U.S. voters. **REUTERS**

U.S. military pact fails to secure support from Iraqis

POLITICS A pact that would allow U.S. troops to stay in Iraq for three years failed to secure the support of Iraqi political leaders yesterday, raising doubts about

whether it can survive without new negotiations.

The Iraqi government took pains to say the pact was not yet dead, but the lack of an endorsement from a body known as the political council for security — which groups parliamentary faction leaders — makes its future far from certain.

"They just finished the

meeting and they did not take a decision on the pact because some groups had reservations," government spokesman Ali al-Dabbagh told Reuters.

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Ali al-Dabbagh

Dabbagh said that among the issues leading to doubts at yesterday's meeting were details of a mechanism to let Iraq try U.S. troops for crimes. **REUTERS**

The leaders were "still hesitant to approve or reject" the deal, he said, adding that only the main Kurdish groups supported the pact without reservations.

France to toughen laws on private surveillance firms

SPYING France will strengthen its laws on private spying firms after the head of a company marketing Taser stun guns in France was suspected of mounting illegal surveillance of a Trotskyist politician critical of the weapons.

Interior Minister Michele Alliot-Marie told the Journal du Dimanche newspaper yesterday she wanted to clean up the private surveillance sector af-

ter the case, which saw 10 people taken into custody last week.

"I want private commercial intelligence companies to be subject to a system of authorization and approvals comparable to those which already exist for private research firms," she said.

The government was aware of about 100 such companies operating in France, she added. **REUTERS**

Turkey Group accused of overthrow plot



Pro-Kurdish Democratic Society Party supporters demonstrate to call public attention to the Ergenekon case in Ankara yesterday. Ergenekon, a shadowy right-wing group, will go on trial today over accusations of planning assassinations and bombings to trigger military intervention and the overthrow of the AK Party government in Turkey. Political analysts say the case shows Turkey is becoming more transparent and accountable.

News in brief

AFGHANISTAN Taliban insurgents killed 25 Afghan civilians, including a child, after firing on one bus and seizing control of another in the southern province of

Kandahar, a local police chief said yesterday.

SUDAN Kidnappers have snatched nine Chinese oil workers in central Sudan, the

third such incident of the past year in the region, the Sudanese government and diplomats said yesterday.

QUAKE A strong earthquake

with a magnitude of 7.1 rocked a remote area of the South Pacific Ocean east of the island nation of Tonga yesterday, the U.S. Geological Survey said.

REUTERS

Dutch state injects 10B euro into ING

ING became the latest European bank to seek government funding yesterday, agreeing to a 10 billion euro cash injection as well as scrapping executive bonuses and its year-end dividend. Dutch feds have set aside 20 billion euros for financial institutions. **REUTERS**

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Business

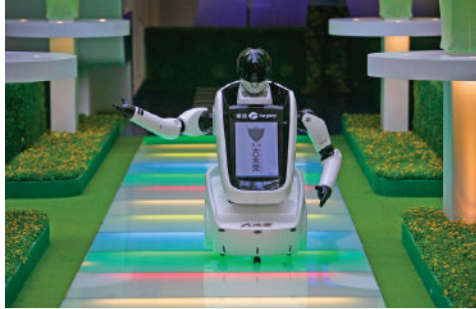


French defend IMF chief

French officials publicly backed International Monetary Fund chief Dominique Strauss-Kahn, who is facing an investigation into whether he abused his position in an affair with subordinate Pirooska Nagy, a former senior economist at the IMF's Africa division. "Dominique Strauss-Kahn showed all the way through this crisis that he was on top of things," government spokesman Luc Chatel said. **REUTERS**

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Robots Science fiction no more



The MSI produced robot named Rich demonstrates giving a tour walking down a garden trail in the Grand Hills apartment showroom of the Far Glory property company in Linkou, Taiwan, over the weekend. Robotic devices have increasingly come to life in recent years, with innovative firms in Asia, Europe and the United States rolling out robots to patrol shopping malls, cut grass and even mimic pets.

Business in brief

INVESTIGATION The FBI is struggling to find agents and resources to investigate white collar crimes tied to the U.S.

economic crisis, as more than 1,800 agents were shifted to terrorism and intelligence work after Sept. 11. **REUTERS**

More rescue plans

Leaders set to hold crisis summit

South Korea joined efforts yesterday to shore up banks and markets pummeled by an economic crisis that has spread across the world.

Seoul pledged \$130 billion US in state guarantees and capital injections hours after U.S. and European leaders said they planned to hold a series of global summits to try to form an action plan.

U.S. President George W. Bush said on Saturday he would host the first crisis summit, shortly after the

Nov. 4 U.S. federal elections, that would focus on "principles of reform" needed to fix the financial system.

The United Arab Emirates also said it would inject \$19.06 billion US into long-term bank deposits, and Oman's Chamber of Commerce and Industry called for a cash injection into banks for financing.

The European Central Bank said these global moves would gradually ease pressure on world financial markets. **REUTERS**

OPEC 'very likely' to cut production

OIL OPEC oil producers are may "very likely" cut oil supplies by 2 million barrels per day in two rounds, one when they meet next week in Vienna and a sec-

ond later on, to drain oil supply surplus off markets and firm up prices, the group president said yesterday, noting all members are in consensus. **REUTERS**

Business in brief

ENERGY P.E.I. plans to triple the amount of wind energy it pro-

duces over the next five years. **CBC NEWS ONLINE**

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Software saves time

Accounting software can print cheques, create invoices, track expenses and set due-date reminders to keep track of money coming in and out. A survey of small business owners showed 80 per cent of users save 10 hours a month by using software. NEWS CANADA

Mat leave 'non-existent' for owners

Tricia Mumby, 35, one of four co-owners of Mabel's Labels (mabel.ca), fit her maternity leave into exactly 10 days — the time between when she gave birth, and when one of her other co-partners did. "I got the call she had her baby and my mat leave was over!"

Welcome to the world of the "non-existent" maternity leave for small business owners, who aren't eligible for benefits themselves — and can't often take leave, since they can neither afford to be without their own salary or let the business slide — but who are obliged to work around staff leaves and keep their jobs open for their return, no matter how key those positions are to the company's success.

Lee-Anne Arkell, founder of Peekaboo Child Care Centres (peekabookid.com), which has 17 owner-operated and franchised facilities in southern Ontario, knows the challenges of losing staff to maternity leave. Arkell, who founded the operation in 1999, now employs more than 500 people, 90 per cent of whom are under 30, and all but five who are female.

Arkell, who had her second child after she founded the company — "I had her on a Saturday and went back to work on the Tuesday," — says she's feeling the stress of maternity leaves mostly in her management team.

"Knowing in the future we would have managers on leave, and knowing it would only get worse," says Arkell, the company



Small business owners aren't eligible for maternity leave benefits, so they return to work almost immediately after giving birth.

created assistant supervisor positions at every centre. "We do a lot of training so they're ready to take over for the year while my supervisors are on mat leave."

And because so many staff aren't ready to come back after one year, Peekaboo will hold their jobs for a second year, to encourage them to come back when they're ready, rather than to go somewhere else down the road. Otherwise, all the "work you've put into training staff is gone," says Arkell.

That said, small business owners could benefit from government programming to assist in staff training, she says.

"There's nothing to help people get training for management staff."

Government assistance for small businesses whose staff are on maternity, sick, or elder care leave is something the Canadian Federation of Independent Business has been demanding for years, says president Catherine Swift.

"Everyone supports people being able to take care of their babies, but can't you give some relief somewhere else?" she says she's asked Ottawa.

"Help them bring someone else in for a year, or give them a holiday on paying Employment Insurance premiums. Show an

olive branch," she's urged. "So far, there's been nothing, of course."

The biggest challenge for small businesses have around maternity leave, she says, is that they have fewer staff to fill in when others are on leave.

And while sick and elder care leaves can take a toll on small businesses, it's maternity leave that really throws a wrench into the works, she says, simply because of its duration.

"The doubling of parental leave was devastating to many businesses," she says. One small business owner she knows had five employees — and three went on maternity leave the same year.

As for women who are operating small businesses, like Mumby and Arkell, they aren't eligible, notes Swift. "Increasingly women own businesses," she says (in fact five out of six new businesses are started by women), but aren't eligible for any income replacement for any time they can manage to take off.

Swift says there should be another system entirely for social programs such as maternity leave, elder care, and sick leave that would allow female entrepreneurs to take leave, too.

Mumby gets support from her partners, Julie

"A small business is another baby. You don't want to miss its first years."

Tricia Mumby

Cole, Julie Ellis, and Cynthia Esp, who have 11 children between them. Mumby and Cole, in fact, work from their homes, hiring babysitters to care for the children upstairs. That means the kids are entertained while they work, but they can go upstairs to deal with problems.

Sometimes the four work through the entire weekend, and have cots and cribs set up so they can put the kids to bed, and hold meetings at night. "You nap when you can, feed your people, play with the kids, and go back and do the work," she laughs.

"There's no such thing as a mat leave when it's a small business and you're so involved in management," says Mumby. "We can't afford to hire marketing or production managers. To replace us would be expensive and difficult."

Even during their almost non-existent maternity leaves, there was an understanding that if there was an emergency — such as the web going down — the person whose responsibility that was would fix it, on baby leave or not. "A small business is another baby," she says. "You don't want to miss its first years, anymore than your child's."

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However, hiring a full-time HR person often isn't affordable for small businesses. But it's a myth that only large companies can afford to outsource HR-related processes.

Countless small businesses are taking advantage of business administrative services companies for a broad range of affordable, tailor-made services, such as:

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- Documentation of employee performance and attendance;
- Management of government compliance requirements;
- Streamlining recruiting and hiring;
- Development of strategic career and succession plans;
- Link-ups to payroll systems.

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Common errors can be avoided

When building your business, it can be easy to make mistakes. Below are the six worst errors you can make when building your business:

1. Being too reliant on one person, typically the business owner.

By relying entirely on one person, you are setting yourself up for disaster if he or she gets sick and cannot run the business. You should have trusted partners or skilled employees trained and able to take over in the event of an emergency.

2. Not having a proper accounting system in place.

Good bookkeeping is essential to the success of your business. "Hire a capable and effective CPA to assist you and keep you on top of all accounting-related government rules and regulations," says Paul MacDonald, senior vice-president, Aon. "There are also easy-to-use computer programs available to assist you in keeping track of your financials."

3. Underestimating the financial requirements of



Good bookkeeping is essential to the success of your business.

the business. Be honest with yourself about financial requirements. Most entrepreneurs underestimate the required start-up capital. If you consider that you are likely going to lose money in the first six months to a year of your new business, you need to

ensure you have arranged for sufficient capital to cover operating losses.

"Most entrepreneurs also underestimate the importance of insuring their business," says MacDonald. "All entrepreneurs should consider their insurance needs carefully to protect them-

selves and their business against workplace accidents, theft, property damage and other calamities."

4. Not understanding your target market. Understand everything you can about your customer. Get market research reports on their

demographics, preferences, geographic distribution, and disposable income. You need to understand the needs of the market before going ahead with your product or service. A recession might not be the right time to start a high-end retail operation, but what about credit counselling?

5. Underestimating time and personal commitment involved in starting your own business. Most small business owners work more hours for themselves than they ever did for someone else. There's a large amount of sacrifice involved in owning your own business and you have to be prepared for the commitment.

6. Overestimating your abilities and not looking for help. Perform a SWOT (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats) analysis on yourself. What are your strengths and weaknesses? Be clear about what you can and cannot do for the business and hire, or seek advice from, people who can help the areas in which you are weaker. **NEWS CANADA**

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Laptops are better

Laptop computers can use up to 90 per cent less energy than desktop computers. Depending on your budget and the way you will use the computer, consider purchasing a laptop, according to Greenology: How To Live Well, Be Green And Make A Difference by Tanya Ha. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

We are all animals on earth

When mammals are threatened, our existence is also threatened

When we humans sometimes forget that we are animals. We're mammals, and like all mammals, and indeed all animals, we are connected to and dependent on the web of life. When part of that web is in danger, we are all in danger.

And our mammal cousins are in danger. According to the International Union for Conservation of Nature, one quarter of the world's 5,487 known mammalian species face extinction in 30 years if we don't act now to protect them. This includes many of the planet's apes and monkeys; bears such as polar bears, sun bears, and pandas; and dozens of marine mammals, such as sei and fin whales.

The causes of this biological crisis include habitat loss and damage, introduction of invasive species, pollution, harvesting, and climate change. Because many mammals are large (elephants, hippos, rhinos), exhibit extraordinary intelligence (chimps and gorillas), or have a ferocious nature (lions, tigers, and bears), we have often assumed that they are somewhat resilient to human impacts. This couldn't be further from the truth.

Scientists now believe that the biology of many mammals contributes to their vulnerability. For example, polar bears and grizzlies are particularly susceptible to decline because they require a lot of food for energy, they are large, and they reproduce infrequently and have few

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offspring when they do reproduce. Human impacts such as unsustainable hunting or habitat destruction put more pressure on the ability of these species to survive.

There is some good news, though. The IUCN assessment showed that "concerted conservation efforts" can bring mammals back from the brink. For example, by reintroducing the black-footed ferret into eight western U.S. states

and Mexico, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service managed to move the animal from the list of animals that were extinct in the wild to the endangered list.

But who cares about the black-footed ferret, or the wild horse, or the African elephant? We humans are not in danger of extinction, are we? As the top predator on the planet, our survival and well-being depend on the health and well-being of all life that supports us.

Even if we look just at the short term, we see that it's in our best interest to protect our fellow animals. As Dr. Jane Smart, head of the IUCN's species program, points out: "The longer we wait, the more expensive it will be to prevent future extinctions. We now know what species are

threatened, what the threats are and where — we have no more excuses to watch from the sidelines."

The rapidity and scale of response to failing financial institutions shows that we are capable of action when we perceive danger. Well, the extinction crisis on the planet imperils our very survival.

In Canada, we've seen some recent progress in the area of habitat protection. The federal government announced that it will protect 10.1 million hectares of boreal forest in the Northwest Territories, and the Ontario government announced

that it will protect 50 per cent of its intact northern boreal forest.

We have to make some big changes in the way we do things on this finite planet. We can't just keep destroying habitat, polluting water and air, and killing fish and other animals faster than they can reproduce.

And because we are all connected to this fragile web, we need to protect animals and their habitat not just for their sake, but for our own as well.

Take David Suzuki's Nature Challenge and learn more at www.davidsuzuki.org.

As the top predator on the planet, our survival and well-being depend on the health and well-being of all life that supports us.

'Trim trash,' message in Waste Reduction Week

Canadians are saying it's time to clean up our act.

From Oct. 19-25, communities across the country will participate in Waste Reduction Week, an educational campaign devoted to raising awareness about how much garbage Canada produces and how much progress Canadians have made. Events from Vancouver to St. John's will highlight the importance of recycling and ways to curb what we leave at the curb. Oscar the Grouch, Sesame Street's resident trash col-

lector, will play the role of spokesmuppet for the 8th annual campaign, doing two public service announcements and appearances in which he'll explain how to reduce, reuse and recycle.

It's an issue Canadians need to brush up on, says Jo-Anne St. Godard, executive director of the Recycling Council of Ontario, which is partnering with other provincial and territorial recycling councils to promote the campaign. She says Canadians are one of the biggest waste

generators in the developed world, and we're not paying enough attention to how much ends up in our landfills.

"In Ontario, for instance, 20 per cent of our waste gets recycled, when 50 per



sources that we have. The more we do that, the less need we'll have to seek out virgin materials."

There are easy ways to trim your trash outtake as well, notes St. Godard. Bring a reusable coffee mug to your local java joint instead of taking it in a paper cup, participate in your municipalities' recycling program, and don't use as many plastic bags.

Manufacturers and companies are some of the most notorious culprits, she adds, saying

that they can offset the amount of garbage saved through a collective effort. But Canadians can solve that problem if they speak loudly enough.

"The majority of landfill comes from business, and we've got a long way to go," she said. "But there's a new trend with consumer demand. We can send a strong signal to companies with what we choose to buy or not buy."

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Sid hits two benchmarks

Sidney Crosby surpassed the 100-goal, 200-assist and 300-point plateaus in a one-goal, three-assist outing on Saturday in the Pittsburgh Penguins' 4-1 win over the Leafs. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**



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Sports



Two new gigs for Beckham

David Beckham will train with AC Milan beginning in January to stay in shape after the MLS season ends, Italian newspaper La Gazzetta dello Sport reported. Beckham wants to remain fit so that he can be called up to play in England's World Cup qualifying matches. It was also announced Sunday that Beckham will serve as the vice president of the bid to bring the 2018 World Cup to England. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

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Oilers making it work despite themselves

CapitalSports

Robin Brownlee



Am I the only one amazed that the Edmonton Oilers are off to a 4-0 start after completing a home-and-home sweep of the Calgary Flames thanks to a 3-2 in at Rexall Place Saturday?

More unexpected after a lukewarm preseason is that the Oilers have done it without putting together a complete 60 minutes and with several key players struggling to get going.

Some observations... The line of **Erik Cole**, **Shawn Horcoff** and **Ales Hemsky** hasn't looked like a

fit. While Cole has adapted to the move to left wing, Hemsky is struggling mightily in his usual spot on the right side. Horcoff has two goals, but looks tentative.

Captain **Ethan Moreau** didn't show much in pre-season but he's found his game. With a goal Saturday, he's tied for the team scoring lead with 1-3-4 and is plus-4. Moreau said he'd be ready to go when it counted.

Steve MacIntyre has provided big bang for the buck. He's averaged just five shifts and 2:31 in ice time per game, but his presence has been immense. MacIntyre's second-period hit on **Boyd Gordon** and ensuing fight with **Brandon Prust** Saturday was a game-changer, igniting a three-goal outburst.

I don't recall one cheap-shot or a glove stuck in the face of Hemsky, **Robert Nilsson** or **Andrew Coglian**



Steve MacIntyre mixes it up with the Flames' Brandon Prust fight during Saturday's win.

since MacIntyre used **Jim Vandermeer** as a punching bag in pre-season.

While **Jeff Deslauriers** got the win in his first NHL start in a 4-3 decision in Calgary Friday, he'll need to string together more wins before GM **Steve Tambellini** sends **Dwayne Roloson** packing. Deslauriers looked shaky at

times in his debut.

NOT GOOD ENOUGH

Is it any wonder the Edmonton Eskimos came out on the wrong end of a 43-28 score against the B.C. Lions Friday to drop to 9-7? Not a bit. The final score flattered them. The Esks weren't good enough on special

teams. The offence didn't even threaten to run the ball. Defensively, they didn't generate any pressure. With a chance to sweep a home-and-home series with B.C. and take the season series, they were wanting in all three facets of the game.

Even with **A.J. Harris** back, they generated just 32

yards rushing. Most of that came from **Ricky Ray** when he was running for his life. Harris had five carries for nine yards. The Esks had no sacks. While they knocked **Buck Pierce** around and had him hobbling, they were a step late. The Esks let **Paul McCallum** extend a drive when he ran for a first down, leading to a TD pass to **Geroy Simon**. There was no outside containment and nobody was close to McCallum when he slid to the turf.

WHILE I'M AT IT... the Oilers haven't started 5-0 since 1985-86... **Sam Gagner** (knee) and **Sheldon Souray** (bruised thigh) will accompany the team on a three-game road trip that begins in Chicago Wednesday.

In a decade covering the Edmonton sports scene, Robin Brownlee has been the news-breaker and insightful voice for sports fans in Oil Country.

Rays off to World Series

Rays 3 Red Sox 1

Perennial doormats in the American League, the Tampa Bay Rays shed that label this year and are now headed to their first World Series, all while denying the Boston Red Sox a chance to repeat for the title.

Matt Garza was lifted in the eighth inning after throwing 118 pitches, and the Rays got out of a bases-loaded jam later in the frame when they used four relievers to beat Boston, 3-1 last night, and capture the deciding seventh game of the AL Championship Series. Willy Aybar scored the go-ahead run on Rocco Baldelli's single in the fifth inning, and then homered



The Tampa Bay Rays celebrate after defeating the Boston Red Sox 3-1 in Game 7 of the American League Championship Series last night.

in the seventh. Evan Longoria doubled in Tampa Bay's other run, as the Rays moved into the World Series to face the National League champion Philadelphia Phillies, starting Wednesday night at Tropicana Field. Garza (2-1) allowed just two hits and a run, walked three and had

nine strikeouts over seven-plus innings, as the Rays became just the third team to advance to the World Series immediately after 10 or more consecutive losing seasons. Prior to this year, the most wins for the Rays, who entered the majors in 1998, was 70.

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Student organizations expressed frustration over the difference in tuition rates across Canada, as highlighted in a new Statistics Canada report. Both CASA and the Ontario Undergraduate Student Alliance worry the 3.6-per-cent jump in tuition would pose a threat to students who already have trouble affording post-secondary education.

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Workology

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Market woes

Scholarships, student aid, and research funding at the University of Ottawa could be reduced if North American stock markets continue to fall, affecting the school's endowment fund. UOttawa expects to have at least a 10-per-cent loss this year.

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Cirque du Soleil meets pizza

Humble beginnings for slab spinner

OddJobs

Diane Peters



Five years ago, Juan Hermosillo, a cook in a California restaurant, saw a fellow employee spinning pizza dough, doing fancy moves and mak-

ing it dance through the air.

"I'd never seen anything like that," recalls Hermosillo, who had gotten into the restaurant business to make enough money for vet school.

When his boss opened up a new restaurant, Hermosillo talked him to letting him make pizzas — he had to be convinced, as Hermosillo was a pretty good cook and was needed in the regular kitchen.

At the new job, Her-

mosillo started practising his spins. At first, he was rotten at it, and frequently burned himself on the nearby oven and dropped the dough, ruining it. His co-workers were often annoyed. Keeping in mind the acrobatics moves of Cirque du Soleil performers and great jugglers, he forged on with extra practising at home with a wet towel.

Eventually, he mastered the basics. Customers started watching him and his managers suddenly had only praise. "Everything just changed once I got good at it," he says. His boss suggested he go out for a pizza spinning competition he'd seen advertised in a trade magazine. Hermosillo got second place — just seven months after starting to spin.

He kept attending competitions. In 2004, he beat the reigning world champion. In 2006, he competed with the U.S. team at the World Pizza Championships in Italy and came in fourth.

Not only does Hermosillo make the dough do gravity-defying spins, but he incorporates juggling (using two pieces of dough at once), breakdancing and acrobatics into his routines.

Eventually, he left his job and made his living spinning pizzas in compe-

titions and as a performer. He ended up living and working in Montreal and in 2007 got hired by Pizza in Toronto, where he now

features a Mexican-style steak pizza he invented that's very popular and promoting spinning is a career he thinks he'd like to stick with for awhile. "It's funny how far I've come with spinning pizza dough."

Diane Peters once hawked magic pens at the Canadian National Exhibition. She's now a writer and part-time journalism instructor.



Juan Hermosillo demonstrates his pizza-spinning abilities.



The Lowdown

Job title: Pizza Spinner

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University of Saskatchewan releases crisis response report

Earlier this month, the University of Saskatchewan released a crisis response report. The report suggests the school focus resources on early detection, referral and treatment. The report recommends adding more counselling staff and expanding service beyond normal operating hours.

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Who wants to be boss?

Heading up department not as attractive as it once was: Survey

As the presidential candidates campaign for the role of commander in chief, a new survey shows the average worker is decidedly less enthusiastic about taking the lead.

More than three-quarters (77 per cent) of employees polled said they have no desire to fill their manager's shoes. In addition, six in 10 (60 per cent) said they could not do a better job than their boss.

The survey was developed by OfficeTeam, a leading staffing service specializing in the placement of highly skilled administrative professionals. It was conducted by an independent research firm.

Workers who have a boss were asked, "Would you like to have your manager's job?"

These respondents also were asked, "Do you think you could do a better job than your boss?"

The survey also revealed demographic differences

"Employees ... often don't envy the budgeting and personnel decisions he or she has to make."

Dave Willmer

among respondents:

- In general, workers 18 to 34 years showed the most interest in their manager's position (32 per cent) and were more likely to believe they could do a better job (43 per cent). Men were more inclined than women to want their manager's job: 32 per cent versus 10 per cent.

- Likewise, slightly more male workers thought they could do a better job than their boss (38 per cent) compared to women (30 per cent).

"Employees who observe their boss often don't envy the budgeting and personnel decisions he or she has

to make, particularly in a challenging economy, and they may conclude the job isn't for them," said Dave Willmer, executive-director of OfficeTeam.

Willmer cautioned that managers might be hindering their own professional growth if few of their employees seek to advance to supervisory roles. "If no one on your staff is interested in assuming greater responsibilities, it will be hard for you to advance," he added. "Supervisors should have a succession plan in place to identify top performers and groom them for promotion opportunities." **METRO NEWS SERVICES**



It turns out that not many people are aiming for the top in today's job market.



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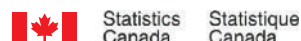
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Sixty-three countries will be fighting for a Best Foreign Film Oscar next year after Academy Awards bosses closed submissions. Those battling for a place on the nominations shortlist include entries from Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Egypt, Iran, Kyrgyzstan and Venezuela. **IMDB.COM**

Entertainment

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Space Odyssey

Brad Pitt is set to star in a new adaptation of Homer's *The Odyssey* — set in outer space. The *Odyssey* follows the story of Odysseus and his return to Ithaca following the end of the Trojan War. **IMDB.COM**



There's spirit in the west

GEN HANDLEY
for Metro Edmonton

A weekend of sound came to a glorious end with an awards gala last night at the Myer Horowitz Theatre.

The best of the west was recognized at the event that opened with a tribute to and performance by senator, musician and native-Edmontonian Tommy Banks, whose music career spans over 40 years.

"Someone told me this is a lifetime achievement award, but I'm not dead yet," said a chuckling Banks, who, along with Spirit of the West, was inducted into the Western Canadian Music Hall of Fame.

And Spirit of the West closed out the memorable evening with a whirlwind-of-a-show that the Vancouver band is so famous for. Hosted by media personality and musician Jian Ghomeshi (Moxxy Fruvous anyone?), the almost three-hour event recognized the best in the west, recognizing established and aspiring



Janaya Ellis of Souljah Fyah (winners of Outstanding Urban Recording) rocks the crowd at the Western Canadian Music Awards gala last night at the U of A's Myer Horowitz Theatre.

artists.

For Kennedy Jenson, executive director of the Alberta Music Industry Association

(AMIA), it was a night to sit back and enjoy the product of a lot of hard work.

"I'm very happy with

"I'm very happy with how things went, We have a great community here and I'm delighted how Edmonton offered this opportunity to the artists and help them network and build new relationships with each other."

Kennedy Jenson, executive director of AMIA

how things went," said Jenson, who looked exhausted, but was clearly excited. "We have a great community here and I'm delighted how Edmonton offered this opportunity to the artists and help them network and build new relationships with each other."

Local reggae talent Souljah Fyah graciously accepted the award for Outstanding Urban Recording. Local cowboy Corb Lund entertained the audience with a truly Albertan performance and was recognized for Outstanding Roots Recording for Horse Soldier! Horse Soldier! And folk-punk band The Weak-erthans took home the most awards with three for

Outstanding Independent Album, Songwriters of the Year, and Video of the Year for their song Civil Twilight.

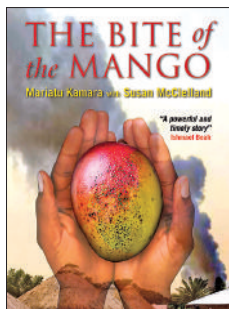
A highlight of the evening was the ever-charming Feist accepting an International Achievement Award via video link. This was only days after Feist played a show at Rex-all Place. Nickleback and k.d. lang also received International Achievement Awards.

The four-day event celebrated artists from B.C., the Yukon, Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba and Edmonton hosted the largest WCMA music festival to date with 138 performers.

You can prevent HPV, but there is no cure

BookPicks

Mango inspires girl's will



The Bite of The Mango

Author: Mariatu Kamara with Susan McClelland
Publisher: Annick Press
Price: \$12.50 (Paperback)

TO MOST, A mango is little more than a sweet tropical fruit. To Mariatu Kamara, it was a reminder of life's potential. In *The Bite of the Mango*, journalist Susan McClelland retells Kamara's horrifying adolescent brush with death as told to her by Kamara herself. When she was 12 years old, armed rebels attacked Kamara in her native Sierra Leone. They cut off both her hands with a machete, leaving her to crawl through the terrain where eating a mango fuelled Kamara's will to live. The book follows her from Africa to Toronto where, ten years later, she's set to tell her story across the continent as UNICEF's Special Representative for Children and Armed Conflict.

Brian Coulton/for Metro Canada

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Live from New York, it's Sarah Palin

U.S. Republican vice-presidential candidate Sarah Palin put in a widely anticipated appearance on Saturday Night Live, sharing the stage with a host of top stars including Mark Wahlberg, Alec Baldwin and of course Tina Fey, the former SNL star whose impression of Palin has garnered almost as much attention as the Alaska governor herself.

The TV show opened with a mock press conference in which Palin's spokesman requested that the press "don't write anything down."

Fey then appeared as Palin and tossed off a few remarks skewering the vice presidential candidate, such as "I am looking forward to a portion of your questions," a reference to her occasional practice of answering questions by addressing her own chosen topics.

Asked if her recent remarks about patriotic states meant there were



Tina Fey, left, portrays U.S. Republican vice-presidential nominee and Alaska Governor Sarah Palin, right, on a recent episode of Saturday Night Live. Palin dropped in on the show over the weekend.

any unpatriotic ones, Fey-as-Palín rattled off a list of Democratic-leaning states such as New York, New Jersey, Massachusetts and California. Listing swing states such as Ohio, she remarked that they could be either "pro or anti-American ... it's up to them."

The scene then switched backstage to the real Palin and the show's producer Lorne Michaels who were accosted by outspoken, left-leaning actor Baldwin, who said "Hey Tina" before proceeding to trash Palin.

The skit played off Fey's remarkable resemblance

to Palin and seeming ability to channel her voice and manner, with Baldwin appearing to think he was talking to Fey while insulting Palin repeatedly. Informed by Michaels he was speaking to Palin herself, he quipped, "You are way hotter in person." **REUTERS**

Box office

Ticket sales for Friday through Sunday at U.S. and Canadian theatres, according to studio estimates:

- 1 Max Payne:** \$18 million US
- 2 Beverly Hills Chihuahua:** \$11.2 million
- 3 The Secret Life of Bees:** \$11.2 million
- 4 W.:** \$10.6 million
- 5 Eagle Eye:** \$7.3 million
- 6 Body of Lies:** \$6.9 million
- 7 Quarantine:** \$6.3 million
- 8 Nick and Norah's Infinite Playlist:** \$3.9 million
- 9 Sex Drive:** \$3.6 million
- 10 Nights in Rodanthe:** \$2.7 million

REUTERS

Oasis not settling a score

Rocker Noel Gallagher has dismissed rumours his band is preparing to write the score for an Oasis musical. The group was reportedly set to pen a staged musical adaptation of its inspirational rise to fame. **FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK**



Fame remake to feature new tunes

MOVIES The upcoming remake of 1980 movie musical Fame will feature new music from the Matrix, James Poyser and Damon Elliott.

The storyline for the film, from Lakeshore Entertainment and Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer, remains the same as the original: Following the competitive students at New York's School of Performing Arts from their freshman to their senior years. The music in the film includes two songs from the original movie (Fame and Out Here on My Own) as well as the new tracks.

Fame is scheduled to be released Sept. 25, 2009. The film's soundtrack will be released through Lakeshore Records, which has handled the Grammy Award-nominated soundtracks to Napoleon Dynamite and Little Miss Sunshine.

Four Tops' singer Levi Stubbs dies

MUSIC Levi Stubbs, lead singer of the Four Tops and one of the most recognizable voices of Motown soul in hits such as Reach Out I'll Be There, has died in Detroit after a long illness. Stubbs, 72, had not performed in recent years because of illness. His death was confirmed by the Wayne County Medical Examiner's office.

Born in Detroit, Stubbs and the other members of the Four Tops — Abdul (Duke) Fakir, Lawrence Payton and Renaldo (Obie) Benson — began touring together after graduating from high school in 1954. Fakir is now the sole surviving member of the group. Payton died of cancer in 1997. Benson died in 2005, also of cancer.

REUTERS

In brief

TELEVISION It may still be an active military theatre, but Afghanistan is about to get an injection of Western entertainment with the launch of an Afghan version of Who Wants to Be a Millionaire. Contestants will have their eye on the main prize, 1 million Afghanis, equivalent to U.S. \$21,000. Production will begin on the show in late November in Kabul.

REUTERS

TV's stupid and stupider

IntelleVision



THICK AS A BRICK: Smart will keep your car running or give you a really clever way to avoid holidays with the family, but stupid makes the world go around, as well as putting the "rama" in drama.

Let's face it, most of the energy expended over the course of human history has been put into fixing the screw-ups people make when their judgment is off or their ability to think past "kill-eat-fornicate" is stuck in neutral, with all the good stuff — altruism, innovation, selflessness and nobility — being done on weekends and evenings, on a pro bono basis.

The same thing goes with drama and comedy, the cookie and filling of the entertainment Oreos;

think of how short Macbeth would have been if the title character had encountered the trio of witches in that misty forest clearing and gone, "Uh yeah — three verbose hags crouched in some Scottish wood claim to control the weather in the eastern Mediterranean. Sure thing, babes. If you'll excuse me, I've got to be getting home to divorce my bossy shrew of a wife."

The play would be an act long, and end with Macbeth and Banquo giving bumps to the king and heading home for some haggis and single malt.

MSNBC's website isn't normally the place I go for sly cultural criticism, but last week they printed a piece celebrating the audacious strains of stupid that make television so compelling.

Writer Linda Holmes essentially divides broadcast imbecility into two strains: The stupid necessary to fulfill the demands of delivering drama, laughs, or both; and the systemic stupidity needed to make sure most



Writer Linda Holmes says that Tyra Banks' "total lack of perspective" lends to America's Next Top Model's "phony importance."

shows are longer than a single, memorable but catastrophic episode. At least one type of dumb must be present, even in really great shows, but it's entirely possible to have both, and still produce a hit.

In the former camp, there's Survivor, which demands that its contestants do exactly the sorts of things you probably wouldn't do if you were really stranded in some remote armpit of nature with a bunch of strangers.

"First, it counts on people to forget that other people also are attempting to win," Holmes writes. "Second, it counts on its contestants to take everything far too much to heart, personalizing what should be no more emotional than a long poker game."

"But it needs all this stupidity. Without regular freak-outs about betrayal and loyalty, Survivor would just be a lot of people walking around in

dirty bathing suits and periodically running through obstacle courses."

Then there's the systemic stupidity built into a show's DNA, like the conviction that everyone, from Tyra Banks on down, has to have in the by-now fantastic premise of America's Next Top Model.

"Tyra's total lack of perspective is what lends the show drama and phony importance," writes Holmes. "If it were called America's Mostly Obscure Temporary Cover Girl Spokesperson, what kind of ratings would it get?"

The magic thing about TV is that being aware of all of this actually makes you smarter than these shows, even if you watch them every week. It's the polar opposite of politics, where recognizing the dull deceit at the heart of the medium and still enjoying the spectacle either makes you a fool or what the media wryly calls an "insider."

Rick McGinnis writes about music, movies, books and television, but not opera.

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critics'corner

Chuck (Zachary Levi) learns more about Sarah's (Yvonne Strahovski) past when they run into her old high-school nemesis Heather Chandler (Nicole Richie). Sarah's teenage insecurities come to the surface, and she tries to avoid Heather at all costs. When Heather's husband, Mark (Ben Savage), turns out to be a key player in an upcoming mission, the agents must attend Sarah's high-school reunion to prevent the sale of potentially dangerous plans. 9 PM on CKEM



Jose Canseco: Last Shot

This new special puts a very personal face on baseball's steroid scandal: the face of Jose Canseco. The Cuban-born outfielder admitted to using steroids, and named other players who did, in his 2005 autobiography. Now in his 40s, he's still taking the drugs and wants to get clean. And we get to watch. He has a team of doctors to help him, but even they can't be sure what effects kicking steroids after more than 20 years will have. 8 PM on A&E

David Duchovny's tennis coach has sparked rumours her friendship with the actor was the cause for his split from wife Tea Leoni. Edit Pakay, 28, has reportedly failed to deny that she was having an affair with the star. **IMDB.COM**

Celebrity Buzz

Jolie, Pitt fell in love on set

CONTROVERSY Angelina Jolie has sparked a new scandal after confessing she and Brad Pitt fell in love on the set of action movie Mr. & Mrs. Smith — while the movie hunk was still wed to Jennifer Aniston. **imdb.com** reports.

The couple has always maintained there was no romance on the set of the 2005 film, and the pair just became “very, very good friends,” but now Jolie has a different story.

In an interview with the New York Times newspaper, Jolie lets it slip about where she and Pitt fell in love.

Asked when she thinks her children

will be able to watch Mr. & Mrs. Smith, Jolie states, “Not a lot of people get to see a movie where their parents fell in love.”

She also tells the Times that she's preparing for a heart to heart chat with her eldest son, Maddox, after realizing he's at an age where his curiosity might lead him to Google his parents online.

She explains she worries the seven year old will “look up my name and

see some kind of sexy pictures or read a story about himself that isn't true. There's a lot we're going to have to explain to them about how public their family is.”

METRO NEWS SERVICES

Dick to wear alcohol monitoring bracelet

PEOPLE Comedy actor Andy Dick will have to wear an alcohol-monitoring bracelet for a year, after pleading guilty to two misdemeanor charges of battery and marijuana possession in a California court on Friday. **imdb.com** reports.

Dick struck a deal, ensuring charges of public intoxication and possession of a painkiller Xanax without a prescription were dropped.

The accusations all stem from the 42-year-old's ar-

rest outside a restaurant in Murrieta, Calif. in July — after he allegedly exposed a 17-year-old girl's breasts.

When police searched the comedian, they found marijuana and Xanax.

Sexual battery charges were dropped back in August.

Speaking outside court, Dick's attorney Jeffery Rubenstein told reporters, “Andy is a great guy. We are considering this matter closed. He's looking forward to putting this matter behind him.”

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McGowan to wed director

PEOPLE Actress Rose McGowan has bounced back from rumours she and boyfriend Robert Rodriguez have split by announcing the pair are engaged.

McGowan has told reporters that she and the cult director are planning to marry in 2009.

“I am engaged,” she said, revealing

Rodriguez proposed to her in September after divorcing his first wife Elizabeth.

McGowan and Rodriguez met on the set of the Grindhouse movie Planet Terror and are now reportedly teaming up to make re-

makes of Red Sonja and Barbarella.

McGowan admits she has her perfect wedding in her sights.

METRO NEWS SERVICES

Ritchie says he is ‘doing fine’

BREAKUP Guy Ritchie is “doing fine” since news of his impending divorce with Madonna hit the news, a friend tells People.

“(The divorce) is news to you and everyone else, but for Guy this has been a long time coming,” the friend adds. “I

think he's sort of relieved that it's all out there. He doesn't have to fake it anymore.”

As for the kids — Lourdes, 12, Rocco, 8, and David, 3 — the friend says, “They're great. They are Guy and Madonna's top priority.” **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

celebrity briefs

Furtado confirms she tied the knot

MARRIAGE Nelly Furtado's Maneater days are over, People.com reports.

In an interview with Entertainment Tonight Canada airing Friday night, the British Columbia-born singer confirmed that she married sound engineer Demacio “Demo” Castellan over the summer.

“We got married July 19th,” she said. “I love it.”

The singer continued, “It's a nice phase of my life.”

Furtado, 29, recently sported a new diamond ring in Miami, sparking rumours that she had tied the knot.

“I just feel kind of free and relaxed and more in tune with trying not to be so stressed out,” she said.

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Lohan lashes out at the press

PEOPLE Actress Lindsay Lohan has hit out at the press for pursuing her even when she's out clubbing, because it makes her feel like a caged animal, female-first.co.uk reports.

Lohan headed out to a Washington, D.C. club late last week to support her girlfriend, DJ Samantha Ronson, who was playing a set at the venue. But Lohan was unable to fully enjoy herself because of all the unwanted attention from photographers and excited clubgoers clamouring to get a picture of the star.

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FameThrower

Joe O'Neill

Joe's take on celebrities

You know that T.V. commercial that features people doing happy dances because they've won, or feel they might win, the lottery? That's what I imagine **Guy Ritchie** is doing right about now. I know I'll miss that, “Please help me, I just wanted to give my directorial career a boost, but now I'm trapped with the waffle-haired crypt-keeper” look he always had in their pictures together, but it's hard to begrudge a guy the taste of freedom from utter insanity.

True, **Guy** probably acquired one more African orphan (if a kid with a living father can be considered an orphan) than he would have liked, and the fact that he had one biological child with **Madge** means he'll have to have some kind of contact with her until one of them dies, but at least he can kiss goodbye to the maddeningly fake accent, the macrobiotic food, the Kaballah water enemas and the ridiculous wrestling belt.

His estranged wife has already made comments indicating that **Ritchie's** emotional distance was a problem for her. Duh, he's English. Those guys are light years behind North American males when it comes to being completely emasculated.

There's already speculation on how much money **Ritchie** will get in the settlement. My position is that he just spent eight years with one of the world's chief causes of human suffering. Whatever he gets, it ain't enough.

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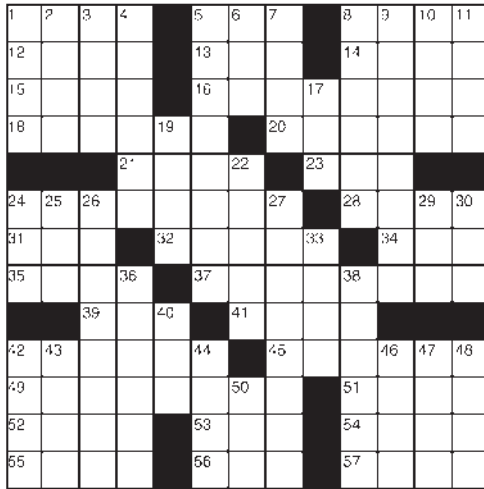
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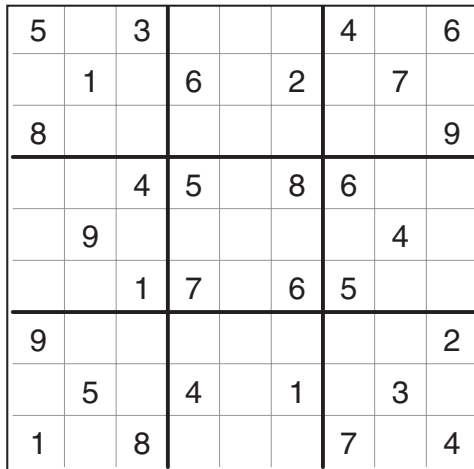
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- 34 Plaything
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- 45 Mythological maidens
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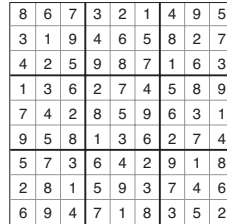
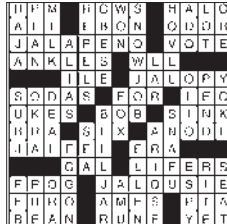
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- 10 Adorn
- 11 Wan
- 11 BLT topper
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- 19 Information
- 22 Fuzzy fruit
- 24 Witnessed
- 25 Bookkeeper (Abbr.)
- 26 Makes good as new
- 27 Tragic condition
- 29 Neither mate
- 30 Pennington and Cobb
- 33 — a soul (nobody)
- 36 Bother repeatedly
- 38 Saddle knob
- 40 Edge
- 42 Hushed "Hey, you!"
- 43 Reverberate
- 44 Skilled
- 46 South American land
- 47 Crones
- 48 Coin aperture
- 50 Young fellow

Sudoku

HOW TO PLAY: Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone — one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.



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13-17 minScholar
17-21 minSmart
21-25 minNot bad
25+ minKeep practising

Recipe of the day



Turkey Club Sandwich

INGREDIENTS:

- 4 strips lean bacon, halved
- 12 slices whole-wheat sandwich bread, toasted
- ½ cup (125 mL) light mayonnaise
- 8 lettuce leaves
- 1 large tomato, thinly sliced
- 8 oz (250 g) thinly sliced cooked turkey breast
- 8 tiny sweet pickles
- 8 pimiento-stuffed green olives

METHOD:

1. Cook bacon over moderate heat until crisp. Drain and set aside.
2. Spread each bread slice with mayonnaise. Place 1 lettuce leaf on each of four bread slices, then top each with tomato and two half-strips bacon. Add another slice of bread, mayo side up, and top with remaining lettuce. Divide

turkey evenly among sandwiches. Top with remaining bread.
3. Cut sandwiches in half diagonally. Thread a pickle and an olive onto each of eight wooden toothpicks, then poke a pick into each sandwich half.

PER SERVING:

400 calories, 26 g protein, 45 g carbohydrate, 2 g fibre, 13 g total fat, 3 g saturated fat, 62 mg cholesterol, 700 mg sodium

SERVES 4



Horoscopes

ARIES
MARCH 21-APRIL 20
There's danger of a cranky person visiting you. A grieving person moves toward closure. An agenda is going through a transformation.

LIBRA
SEPT 23-OCT 23
Lamps must be checked for flaws. There is no fool like a young fool. Contact is renewed with someone at a distance.

TAURUS
APRIL 21-MAY 21
Forget a deed done in weakness. A crude crook causes anxiety attacks. You'll acquire facility with finances.

SCORPIO
OCT 24-NOV 22
A grateful person will support you. The solution to an ironic problem improves working conditions. Get involved when someone needs comfort.

GEMINI
MAY 22-JUNE 21
You must take charge of a sensitive issue. A presumptuous expert will probe a sore spot. A baffling man is too hilarious.

SAGITTARIUS
NOV 23-DEC 21
Don't neglect a frivolous idiot. Positive progress is made in talks. A dismal male will get your attention in a vexing way.

CANCER
JUNE 22-JULY 22
Do not walk through a dark park alone. A manager will stir up memories. A sweet talker will tell secrets.

CAPRICORN
DEC 22-JAN 20
There's no need to feel sorry for a troublemaker. Home is the place to retreat when you're vulnerable. Loneliness will fade.

LEO
JULY 23-AUG 23
Don't let anything get the better of you. A woman's moodiness has a certain elegance. A friend needs a firmer commitment from you.

AQUARIUS
JAN 21-FEB 18
A spirited female applies logic with care. A friendly enemy stops playing games. A fair man demands that you do the right thing.

VIRGO
AUG 24-SEPT 22
Enlightenment appears when your best friend shares techniques. You'll learn the truth about a distressing situation.

PISCES
FEB 19-MARCH 20
Don't push anyone around in a debate. Play nice with enemies. Nobody wants to get legal correspondence.

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